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## CATTLE ON FEED

### ARIZONA

The number of cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Arizona feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or larger was estimated at 243,000 head as of March 1, 2015. The latest inventory was 2 percent below last month's inventory and 11 percent below March 1, 2014. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 19,000 head of fed cattle during February 2015, down 17 percent from the previous month and down 30 percent from the February 2014 marketings. An estimated 19,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during February 2015, 37 percent below last month and 32 percent below the February 2014 placements of 28,000 head. Other disappearance for February 2015, at 4,000 head, was 5,000 head lower than last month but 3,000 head above last year.

### UNITED STATES

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.7 million head on March 1, 2015. The inventory was 1 percent below March 1, 2014. Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.52 million, 8 percent below 2014. Net placements were 1.46 million head. During February, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 330,000, 600-699 pounds were 270,000, 700-799 pounds were 388,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 535,000. Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.52 million, 2 percent below 2014. February marketings are the lowest since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 62,000 during February, 13 percent below 2014.

For a full copy of the March 2015 *Cattle on Feed* report please visit [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov).